

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1953

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th June, 1953 -

Males - 320,881;

Females - 301,322;

Persons - 622,203

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1952 -

Persons - 346,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	<u>JULY</u>		<u>7 Months Ended JULY</u>	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Marriages - Number	326	355	2,928	3,246
*Rate per 1000 of Population	6.16	6.96	8.14	9.34
Births - Number	1,331	1,282	9,315	8,979
*Rate per 1000 of Population	25.15	25.13	25.91	25.82
Deaths - Number	519	486	2,861	2,902
*Rate per 1000 of Population	9.81	9.53	7.96	8.35
Infant Mortality- Number	42	39	237	245
*Rate per 1000 Live Births	31.56	30.42	25.44	27.29
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	6	5	33	49
Malignant neoplasms	64	63	429	384
Diabetes mellitus	6	1	20	19
Diseases of blood, etc.	2	3	10	16
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	59	61	307	345
Diseases of the heart	163	145	868	820
Hypertension with heart disease	27	12	94	76
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	3	9	43	36
Arteriosclerosis	21	18	102	103
Influenza	2	1	5	9
Pneumonia	31	15	107	95
Bronchitis	6	3	26	19
Other respiratory disease	5	5	22	41
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	2	23	24
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	7	15	22
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	1	4	8
Cirrhosis of the liver	3	1	12	6
Nephritis and nephrosis	11	4	45	47
Diseases of the prostate	7	3	25	35
Maternal causes	1	3	4	13
Diseases of early infancy	25	19	141	153
Motor vehicle accidents	10	17	106	127
Other accidents	13	20	115	119
Suicide	2	4	25	44
All other causes	47	64	280	292
<u>Total.</u>	519	486	2,861	2,902

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

\* Deaths under one year.



LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eight months ended August, 1953 totalled 1,228,321 acres, an increase of 438,900 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 2,140,552 acres, a decrease of 463,171.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of AUGUST		Two months ended AUGUST	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	3,071,755	2,413,404	6,203,127	5,011,658
Revenue per Head of Population	£4. 18. 4	£3. 19.10	£9.18. 10	£8. 6. 2
Expenditure	3,384,969	2,854,408	6,930,801	5,985,390
Expenditure per Head of Population	£5. 8. 4	£4. 14. 6	£11. 2. 2	£9. 18. 5

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances on the 31st August, 1953 amounted to £50,405,403 or £80. 10. 5d. per head of population as against £47,737,583 or £78. 17. 2d. per head as at the 31st August last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 26th August, 1953 amounted to £10,503,723 compared with £10,450,063 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		AUGUST		Two months Ended AUGUST	
		1953	1952	1953	1952
Transfers	No.	1,957	1,541	4,107	3,273
	£.	2,328,458	1,769,464	5,004,979	3,713,479
Mortgages	No.	1,617	1,096	3,469	2,415
	£.	2,416,957	1,892,701	5,422,655	3,840,443
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,052	844	2,363	1,841

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Two months ended AUGUST, 1953	6,257,985	4,207,940	15,466,481	938,067
Two months ended AUGUST, 1952	5,150,681	4,179,784	13,194,843	854,090
Month of AUGUST, 1953	3,278,886	1,814,246	7,306,962	509,406
Month of AUGUST, 1952	2,026,189	2,041,838	5,883,085	365,767

# TABLE 1

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## PERSONNEL DATA BY MONTH AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Month	Full-time	Part-time	Seasonal	Total
August 1952	8,125	1,046	1,000	10,171
July 1952	8,050	1,050	1,000	10,100
June 1952	7,950	1,050	1,000	10,000
May 1952	7,850	1,050	1,000	9,900
April 1952	7,750	1,050	1,000	9,800
March 1952	7,650	1,050	1,000	9,700
February 1952	7,550	1,050	1,000	9,600
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March 1952	7,650	1,050	1,000	9,700
February 1952	7,550	1,050	1,000	9,600
January 1952	7,450	1,050	1,000	9,500

COMPANIES REGISTERED

34 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £1,867,000 and 9 Foreign Companies were registered during the two months ended August, 1953. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 16 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,007,000 and 11 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	2 Months Ended AUGUST					
	1953			1952		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	7	35,689	22,364	7	18,387	7,467
Deeds of Assignment (a)	6	13,679	17,789	7	24,320	18,890
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

		JULY		12 Months Ended JUNE	
		1953	1952	1953	1952
Gross Earnings (a) *	£.	766,000	422,500	7,972,260	9,163,532
Working Expenses (a)	£.	1,122,006	797,051	12,087,333	10,601,917
Train Miles Run	No.	586,763	212,416	5,255,184	6,801,622
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 132,874	(b) 147,845	2,125,564	2,016,070
Passenger Journeys -					
Train	No.	609,455	179,070	6,339,430	10,536,195
Motor Bus	No.	45,604	50,599	636,171	585,583
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		253,775	122,531	2,486,905	2,934,894
Livestock		9,152	7,822	131,901	127,747
Departmental (Free Freight)		65,670	39,597	644,187	885,493
Total.		328,597	169,950	3,262,993	3,948,134
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		43 468,259	15,476,455	392,848,721	452,841,079
Livestock		1,158,903	1,096,713	16,742,015	16,906,482
Departmental (Free Freight)		9,472,404	4,238,437	86,294,404	96,334,244
Total.		54,099,566	20,811,605	495,885,140	566,081,805

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 25th July.

\* Figures liable to revision.



# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

## (1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1950	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
1952 -								
July	293	156	7	79	542	437	8	151
1953 -								
January	272	94	-	80	492	296	5	119
February	291	151	1	69	556	369	2	121
March	326	119	6	72	627	334	8	124
April	292	161	4	51	545	439	6	93
May	330	139	2	52	566	425	2	80
June	272	160	8	45	501	390	11	76
July	386	174	5	61	694	471	8	106

## (2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1950 -								
June	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
1951 -								
June	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
1952 -								
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
1953 -								
January	40,516	17,384	530	9,981	66,392	50,193	976	14,723
February	40,644	17,438	527	9,954	67,497	51,806	1,002	15,136
March	40,931	17,501	530	9,966	68,465	52,738	1,016	15,420
April	41,155	17,564	533	9,984	68,833	52,618	1,022	15,425
May	41,271	17,552	530	9,937	69,502	53,367	1,024	15,545
June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559
July	42,576	18,934	542	9,981	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for July, 1953:-  
102 Cars; 753 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 8 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

(a) Not yet available.

## TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, July 1953 and 1952, and twelve months ended June 1953 and 1952, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	JULY		12 Months Ended JUNE		JULY		12 Months Ended JUNE	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate	3,955	4,087	29,874	60,237	5,312	6,260	87,645	79,551
	6,748	5,504	68,606	62,104	2,164	1,764	25,281	18,142
Total.	10,703	9,591	98,480	122,341	7,476	8,024	112,926	97,693

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## BUREAU OF CENSUS

### CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Period	Value of Crops	Value of Livestock	Value of Farm Buildings	Value of Farms	Value of Machinery	Value of Tools	Value of Fertilizers	Value of Other Items
Year 1900	1,000	2,000	1,000	10,000	500	100	100	100
Year 1901	1,100	2,100	1,100	10,100	510	105	105	105
Year 1902	1,200	2,200	1,200	10,200	520	110	110	110
Year 1903	1,300	2,300	1,300	10,300	530	115	115	115
Year 1904	1,400	2,400	1,400	10,400	540	120	120	120
Year 1905	1,500	2,500	1,500	10,500	550	125	125	125
Year 1906	1,600	2,600	1,600	10,600	560	130	130	130
Year 1907	1,700	2,700	1,700	10,700	570	135	135	135
Year 1908	1,800	2,800	1,800	10,800	580	140	140	140
Year 1909	1,900	2,900	1,900	10,900	590	145	145	145
Year 1910	2,000	3,000	2,000	11,000	600	150	150	150

Period	Value of Crops	Value of Livestock	Value of Farm Buildings	Value of Farms	Value of Machinery	Value of Tools	Value of Fertilizers	Value of Other Items
Year 1911	2,100	3,100	2,100	11,100	610	155	155	155
Year 1912	2,200	3,200	2,200	11,200	620	160	160	160
Year 1913	2,300	3,300	2,300	11,300	630	165	165	165
Year 1914	2,400	3,400	2,400	11,400	640	170	170	170
Year 1915	2,500	3,500	2,500	11,500	650	175	175	175
Year 1916	2,600	3,600	2,600	11,600	660	180	180	180
Year 1917	2,700	3,700	2,700	11,700	670	185	185	185
Year 1918	2,800	3,800	2,800	11,800	680	190	190	190
Year 1919	2,900	3,900	2,900	11,900	690	195	195	195
Year 1920	3,000	4,000	3,000	12,000	700	200	200	200

The following table shows the value of the principal crops and livestock raised on farms in the United States, and the value of the farm buildings, machinery, tools, fertilizers, and other items used on farms, for the years 1900 to 1920. The values are in millions of dollars.

Period	Value of Crops	Value of Livestock	Value of Farm Buildings	Value of Farms	Value of Machinery	Value of Tools	Value of Fertilizers	Value of Other Items
Year 1921	3,100	4,100	3,100	12,100	710	205	205	205
Year 1922	3,200	4,200	3,200	12,200	720	210	210	210
Year 1923	3,300	4,300	3,300	12,300	730	215	215	215
Year 1924	3,400	4,400	3,400	12,400	740	220	220	220
Year 1925	3,500	4,500	3,500	12,500	750	225	225	225
Year 1926	3,600	4,600	3,600	12,600	760	230	230	230
Year 1927	3,700	4,700	3,700	12,700	770	235	235	235
Year 1928	3,800	4,800	3,800	12,800	780	240	240	240
Year 1929	3,900	4,900	3,900	12,900	790	245	245	245
Year 1930	4,000	5,000	4,000	13,000	800	250	250	250

# BUILDING ACTIVITY

## (1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953 -										
March Qr.	706	1,614	935	2,391	17	214	172	657	1,830	4,876
June Qr.	767	1,830	1,229	3,191	15	241	129	597	2,140	5,859

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

## (2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Including Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953 -										
March Qr.	660	2,004	139	364	823	1,587	8	14	1,630	3,969
June Qr.	700	2,132	288	787	986	2,044	7	17	1,981	4,980

## BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

1,495,324 lbs. were produced during August, 1953 and 2,673,554 lbs. for the two months ended August, 1953, as against 1,646,623 lbs. and 3,106,136 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1952.

## GOLD PRODUCTION

	AUGUST		8 Months Ended AUGUST	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Quantity ..... Fine Ozs.	62,348	60,112	542,483	477,212
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	965,876	931,231	8,403,955	7,392,852

\* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eight months ended August, 1953 amounted to £671,337. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1952 amounted to £477,525.

GOLD PRODUCTION

# RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	JUNE QUARTER		12 Months Ended JUNE		JUNE QUARTER		12 Months Ended JUNE	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
Metropolitan Area	2594	2308	2493	2176	2290	2158	2245	2035
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2725	2512	2677	2344	2358	2251	2334	2122
Northam	2610	2374	2550	2227	2310	2180	2270	2039
Bunbury	2603	2356	2538	2221	2298	2178	2268	2055
Geraldton	2678	2409	2607	2266	2415	2285	2380	2137
Collie	2623	2379	2561	2227	2198	2070	2162	1952

## ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1952			1953		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	127,021	40,611	167,632	127,573	39,805	167,378
February	127,314	41,319	168,633	128,682	40,835	169,517
March	127,666	41,367	169,033	129,232	41,012	170,244
April	126,905	41,326	168,231	129,666	41,211	170,877
May	126,734	41,110	167,844	129,673	41,189	170,862
June	126,001	40,564	166,565	130,185	41,029	171,214
July	125,215	40,408	165,623	130,540	41,132	171,672
August	125,577	40,115	165,692			
September	125,235	40,272	165,507			
October	126,306	40,389	166,695			
November	126,330	40,541	166,871			
December	126,684	40,719	167,403			

## EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1949	1950	1951	1952(a)	1953(a)	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
January	179	194	208	214	216	1354	1410	1490	1540	1538
February	182	197	212	216	219	1358	1387	1495	1536	1541
March	186	200	215	216	222	1371	1415	1513	1522	1534
April	187	200	215	215	223	1377	1415	1508	1517	1550
May	187	203	216	214	224	1354	1418	1500	1512	1557
June	187	202	215	211	224	1362	1429	1517	1495	1575
July	182	204	218	210	224	1381	1423	1517	1497	1578
August	189	204	217	214		1377	1419	1510	1488	
September	190	204	216	213		1365	1428	1518	1485	
October	191	206	217	214		1375	1431	1522	1507	
November	192	207	217	214		1402	1450	1537	1519	
December	194	207	215	215		1470	1531	1587	1574	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1952 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

Date

Operator

Time

Location

Altitude

Temperature

Humidity

Wind

Pressure

Visibility

Clouds

Remarks

Remarks

Remarks

Remarks

Remarks

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STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
27/7/53	12.	6.	6	8.	0.	3	12.	6.	0
							7.	19.	11
							12.	9.	4
							8.	2.	1

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA  
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	AUGUST		2 Months Ended AUGUST	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	33,129	28,731	67,788	59,728
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	29,608	25,342	60,589	52,646

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
August, 1953	13,841	528	66,744	9,035
August, 1952	9,695	840	87,087	9,612
8 Months ended August, 1953	87,406	3,231	600,043	65,410
8 Months ended August, 1952	75,066	3,983	543,632	74,285

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Month	Total Accidents Reported (c)	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage Exceeding £10)	Casualty Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured
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METROPOLITAN (a)

<u>1953</u> -	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	1,100	316	164	6	197
February	1,072	271	176	8	237
March	1,110	286	178	5	217
April	1,117	319	169	12	186
May	1,242	381	167	13	190
June	1,273	381	154	9	191
July (d)	1,278	361	182	9	209
August (e)	1,132	325	136	7	161
Total to August	9,324	2,640	1,326	69	1,588

COUNTRY (b)

<u>1953</u> -	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	276	102	75	5	129
February	266	108	65	9	87
March	319	125	95	13	138
April	319	136	81	7	117
May	300	130	86	9	116
June	259	128	62	7	75
July (e)	253	115	56	3	74
Total to July	1,992	844	520	53	736

\* Figures for August not yet available. (a) Reported to Police. (b) Reported to either Police or Local Government Authorities. (c) Includes non-casualty accidents where total damage estimated to be £10 or less. (d) Revised. (e) Subject to minor revision.

